



**LINSLADE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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# **ANNUAL REPORT**

OF THE

**MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH**

AND OF THE

**PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR**

FOR THE YEAR

**1963**



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6 Leighton Road,  
Linslade.

To the Chairman and Members of  
Linslade Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of  
the Medical Officer of Health for 1963.

This year saw a smaller increase in population  
than the preceeding year. The Birth Rate rose to a  
figure above that for the County and the Death Rate  
remained below the national average. In assessing the  
importance of these rates it must be kept in mind that  
when dealing with a small population group it only  
requires a small increase or decrease in the actual  
number of births or deaths to give rise to a disproport-  
ionate variation in the rate per thousand of population.

In company with other District Councils in the  
Mid-Bucks area the Council approved in principle the  
addition of fluorides to the water supply. It may,  
however, be some time before this beneficial measure can  
be put into practice as matters stand, all Authorities  
supplied from the same service must agree before any  
action can be taken.

Measles was again fairly prevalent during the year  
and it is to be hoped that a vaccine against it which is  
safe and free from complications may emerge from trials  
which are in progress. One case of tuberculosis was  
notified and examination of contacts did not reveal any  
spread of infection.

My thanks are due to members of the Health Committee  
for their interest and support throughout the year.

I am,  
Your Obedient Servant,

A.W.PRINGLE.



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FOR THE YEAR 1963

(A) VITAL STATISTICS

GENERAL

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Area in acres .. .. .	1,693	1,693
Population .. .. .	4,310	4,340
Number of inhabited dwellings .. .. .	1,437	1,460
Rateable Value.. .. .	£56,607	£182,837
Rate in the £ .. .. .	22/8	9/2
Sum represented by a penny rate .. .. .	£230	£720

BIRTHS

Legitimate (Male) .. .. .	36	50
"    (Female) .. .. .	39	39
Illegitimate .. .. .	Nil	6
Birth Rate per 1,000 population .. .. .	17.4	21.9
"    "    "    "    "    (Bucks) .. .. .	19.2	19.2
"    "    "    "    "    (England & Wales) .. .. .	18.0	18.2

DEATHS

Males .. .. .	29	21
Females .. .. .	15	28
Death Rate per 1,000 population .. .. .	10.2	11.3
"    "    "    "    "    (Bucks) .. .. .	9.6	9.9
"    "    "    "    "    (England & Wales) .. .. .	11.9	12.2
Still Births .. .. .	Nil	3
Maternal Mortality Rate .. .. .	Nil	Nil
"    "    "    (Bucks) .. .. .	0.10	0.30
"    "    "    (England & Wales) .. .. .	0.35	0.28

# INFANTILE MORTALITY

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Deaths of Infants under 1 yr. per 1,000 births	-	10.5.
" " " " " " (Bucks)	-	17.7
" " " " " "(England & Wales)	-	20.9

## PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH

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	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Malignant neoplasm-stomach .. .. .	0	0
Malignant neoplasm-lung, bronchus .. ..	4	0
Malignant neoplasm-breast .. .. .	0	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	1	0
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia .. .. .	0	1
Diabetes .. .. .	2	0
Vascular lesions of Nervous System .. ..	1	3
Coronary disease, Angina .. .. .	1	6
Hypertension with Heart Disease .. .. .	1	5
Other heart disease .. .. .	2	3
Other circulatory diseases .. .. .	0	1
Pneumonia .. .. .	4	2
Bronchitis .. .. .	2	1
Ulcer of stomach and Duodenum .. .. .	1	0
Nephritis & Nephrosis .. .. .	1	0
Other defined and ill-defined Diseases ..	0	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents .. .. .	1	1
All other Accidents .. .. .	0	0
Suicide .. .. .	0	0

## (B) GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES

### LABORATORY FACILITIES

Specimens for pathological investigation were sent, as in previous years to the Public Health Laboratory Service at Luton. This arrangement continues to work satisfactorily.

### AMBULANCE SERVICES

For general cases, accidents and infectious diseases, two motor ambulances and one car for sitting cases were maintained in the district.

### NURSING IN THE HOME

This, as also her maternity duties, was carried out by the District Nurse in her usual efficient manner.

### CHILD WELFARE CENTRE

A centre at the Forster Institute has held regular sessions on the second and fourth Friday of each month. A Medical Officer attends once a month, and the District Nurse and Health Visitor each session. A total of 1,171 attendances were made.

### HOSPITALS

The following hospitals received cases from the area:-

Royal Bucks, Aylesbury  
Tindal, Aylesbury  
Isolation, Aylesbury  
Luton & Dunstable  
Spittlesea, Luton

(C) SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY:

A regular check was kept on the quality of the water being distributed and precautionary chlorination continued. Of 127 samples taken and submitted for bacteriological examination, only 3 returned unsatisfactory results. The unsatisfactory samples gave no cause for alarm, as all were due to a temporary failure in the chlorination plant. Follow-up samples taken after failure was remedied, were perfectly satisfactory.

Results of chemical samples show opalescence due to the presence of an appreciable and therefore objectionable trace of iron. It is free from metals apart from a minute trace of manganese. The water is on the acid side of neutrality and has a high content of free carbon dioxide; from the aspect of corrosive activity a reduction of this free carbon dioxide is therefore required. The water is very hard in character though not excessively so, contains no excess of mineral constituents and it is of very satisfactory organic quality.

Subject to the removal of iron and an increase in the pH value these results are indicative of a pure and wholesome water, suitable for public supply purposes as judged from the aspect of the chemical analysis.



## REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Routine house and trade refuse collection was carried out. Labour problems, increases in residential development and transport difficulties, occasionally made it impossible to achieve the desired weekly collection.

The new tip at Old Linslade progressed steadily and controlled tipping was operated.

Certain inevitable inconveniences were experienced but on the whole tipping proceeded very satisfactorily. As the work progressed it became apparent that the reclamation of hitherto useless land was being affected.

## RIVERS AND STREAMS

Periodic inspections of the canal, river and streams within the Urban District revealed one or two cases of pollution and appropriate action was taken.

## SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

There are, unfortunately no swimming facilities for the public within the Urban District.

## PUBLIC MORTUARY

The mortuary, which is the joint responsibility of this Authority and the Wing Rural District Council, was not used during the year.

(D) H O U S I N G

No Council houses were under construction during the year but plans were in being for future flat development in Old Road.

Inspection of District:

The number of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation .. Nil

The number of houses the defects in which were remedied in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers .. .. 7

The number of representations made to the Local Authority with a view to:-

(a) the serving of notices requiring the execution of works .. .. .. .. Nil

(b) the making of demolition or closing orders .. .. .. .. Nil

The number of notices served requiring the execution of works .. .. .. .. 2

The number of houses which were rendered fit after services of formal notices .. .. .. Nil

The number of demolition or closing orders made .. Nil

The number of houses in respect of which an undertaking was accepted under sub-section (4) of Section 16 of the Housing Act 1957 .. .. .. .. Nil

The number of houses demolished .. .. .. .. Nil

# DETAILS OF VISITS MADE DURING THE YEAR

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Nuisances and complaints .. .. .	17
Nuisances abated .. .. .	12
Infectious Diseases .. .. .	6
Water tests applied to drains .. .. .	25
Smoke tests applied to drains .. .. .	3
Works in progress .. .. .	173
Sewerage .. .. .	9
Water Supplies .. .. .	34
Water Samples .. .. .	15
Milk Samples .. .. .	8
Ice-cream Samples .. .. .	Nil
Factories .. .. .	14
Public Conveniences .. .. .	7
Housing .. .. .	27
Meat Inspection etc. .. .. .	112
Petroleum Regulations .. .. .	3
Smoke abatement .. .. .	Nil
Miscellaneous visits .. .. .	221
Food Hygiene Regulations .. .. .	143
Refuse collection.. .. .	3

(E) NUISANCES, CONTRAVENTIONS OF BYELAWS, ETC.

GENERAL

47 complaints were dealt with during the year and 15 informal notices served.

FACTORIES ACT 1937

14 inspections of Factories were made regarding the provision of suitable sanitary accommodation, cleanliness etc.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

Regular inspections for the destruction of rats and mice were undertaken by the Council's Rodent Operator whose services are shared with Leighton Buzzard U.D.C.

Sewer inspections were made and treatment carried out where infestations were noted.



(F) MEAT & OTHER FOODS, FOOD PREMISES, ETC.

NUMBER OF FOOD PREMISES ETC.	<u>1963</u>
Dairies	4
Registered premises, Sec. 16 Food & Drugs Act 1955	19
Licensed premises	10
Confectionery, Grocery & Greengrocery	18
Butchers	3
Cafes and Canteens	3
Bakeries	1
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Total number of visits made during the year	135

MILK AND DAIRIES

The dairies within the District were maintained in a satisfactory condition.

8 samples were taken from retailers distributing milk in the district. All were satisfactory.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE

The Ship Road slaughterhouse was relicensed and used throughout the year.

# INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

## Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part

	Cattle Ex cluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed .. ..	169	84	7	612	183
Number inspected .. ..	169	84	7	612	183
<u>All diseases except</u> <u>Tuberculosis &amp; Cysticerci:</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	47	51	Nil	112	21
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	27%	60%	Nil	18%	11%
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis .. ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cysticercosis .. ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

No horses were slaughtered

1,112 lbs. of meat and offal found to be unfit for human consumption was condemned.

Condemnation certificates were issued in respect of 34 lbs. of other foods.

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(G) PREVALENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

NOTIFICATIONS:-

Measles	96
Scarlet Fever	8
Whooping Cough	6
Pneumonia	3
Tuberculosis	1

A.W.PRINGLE

Medical Officer of Health

C.PUGH

Public Health Inspector.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration  
of the Factories Act, 1937

Part I of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes as to the health  
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspec- tions (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4,&6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .. .. .	6	4	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ..	20	12	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is en- forced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	26	16	Nil	Nil

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

	Sanitary Conveniences unsuitable or defective	All other defects
Defects found .. .. .	1	Nil
Defects remedied .. ..	1	Nil
Referred to H.M. Inspector	Nil	Nil
Referred by H.M. Inspector	Nil	Nil
Prosecutions instituted	Nil	Nil

Part VIII of the Act

Outwork - (Sections 110 and 111)

There were no outworkers in the district.





